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SUBJECT: GOC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT TO VISIT US

1. ALECOS MICHAELIDES, PRESIDENT OF GOC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ASKED ME TO CALL FEB 28. HE SAID ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BY EUGENE ROSSIDES, DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN-HELLENIC INSTITUTE FOR HIM TO VISIT US, LEAVING CYPRUS MARCH 9 AND RETURNING ON OR ABOUT MARCH 22. ON MARCH 11, HE WILL ADDRESS A MEETING OF GREEK-AMERICAN GROUPS CONVENED IN WASHINGTON BY THE AMERICAN-HELLENIC INSTITUTE. ON MARCH 14, HE WILL SPEAK TO THE CHICAGO WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL. MICHAELIDES ASKED THAT DEPT ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS MARCH 17, 20, AND 21 WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, SECRETARY VANCE, DR. BRZEZINSKI, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES. MICHAELIDES ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A RELAXED WORKING MEETING WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND ASSTSEC VEST, BUT THOUGHT THIS COULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY HAVING CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU INVITE THESE OFFICIALS TO AN INFORMAL LUNCH OR DINNER RATHER THAN BY OFFICE APPOINTMENTS. HE WOULD PUT THIS TO DIMITRIOU.

2. MICHAELIDES SAID PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP WAS TO WORK FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN US-GOC RELATIONS IN THE BROADEST SENSE BUT THAT NATURALLY HE WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK ABOUT
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THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. COMMENT: UNDER THE CYPRUS CONSTITUTION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT IS THE SECOND RANKING OFFICIAL IN GOVERNMENT AND EQUIVALENT TO VICE PRESIDENT. END COMMENT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING SCHEDULING OF FEASIBLE APPOINTMENTS.

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